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	10/520,525	ZELLER ET AL.	
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 3 November 2006.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 9-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 9,10,12-16,18-23 and 25-27 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 11,17,24 and 28 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____. |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

1. Claims 9,10,14,15,16,20,21,22,23,25,26,27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Dagenais in U.S. Patent No. 4,518,232. Dagenais discloses a laser processing machine with a planar mirror adjusting the optical axis of the laser beam, a convex parabolic mirror (element 13) and a concave ellipsoidal mirror (element 17) along a common axis of rotation for sending the laser beam to a workpiece.

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 12,13,18,19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dagenais in U.S. Patent No. 4,518,232 in view of Piwczuk in U.S. Patent No. 4,749,840. Piwczuk teaches having two mirrors (elements 51 and 52) fixed in position by a single carrier as shown in figure 2. It would have been obvious to adapt Dagenais in view of Piwczuk to provide this to keep the mirrors in fixed relationship to one another.

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4. Claims 11,17,24 and 28 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

5. Applicant's arguments filed 3 November 2006 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. The planar mirror(element 11)in Dagenais adjusts the axis of the laser beam about 90 degrees as shown in figure 1. The new axis is created by the mirror is parallel to the axis of the laser beam leaving the telescope. Applicant's arguments about the lack of motivation to adapt the Hall reference (U.S. patent No. 5,574,601) were persuasive.

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Garcia in U.S. Patent No. 6,789,908 has a confocal ellipsoidal mirror. Salzer in U.S. Patent No. 4,806,728 has a mirror with an elliptical contour.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Geoffrey S Evans whose telephone number is (571)-272-1174. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 6:30AM to 4:00 PM, alternate Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Pat Ryan can be reached on (571)-272-1292. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571)-273-8300.


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